

# The French Broad Hustler

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## CONGRESSMAN CRAWFORD.

The Tenth District Democratic convention did a splendid piece of work on Monday in re-nominating Hon. W. T. Crawford for congress. In view of the fact that there was no opposition to Mr. Crawford the convention was simply a ratification affair, but considerable interest manifested itself at different intervals during the progress of events. The attendance was larger than expected, inasmuch as there was no contest, and the enthusiasm bodes a sweeping victory through the district in November. There are no "old sores" to be healed this fall and the democracy will go before the people united and in good fighting trim. No congressional district in North Carolina can boast of a leader that is the superior of William T. Crawford, whom our people have again unanimously called to the leadership of the democracy of the tenth district. He is the best fighter in the State to-day, and when he shall have finished with John G. Grant, of revenue fame, there will not be a "greasy spot" left of that self-constituted-radical-would-be-boss of the west.

Mr. Crawford has taken a high stand in congress the past year, as he always did before, and is thoroughly prepared to give an account of his stewardship. He is the ranking member of the committee on Banking and Currency of the House and will tell the people an interesting story about this republican panic which has caused so much distress and anxiety during the past year. He will explain to the people why it has been necessary to establish bread-lines and soup-houses in many of the large cities, during the administration of a republican president, in order to feed starving laborers out of employment. He will, also, tell us about the numerous bank presidents who have resorted to self-destruction on account of wrecked institutions directly chargeable to the Roosevelt panic. No democrat in the State is better informed upon National issues than Congressman Crawford and few men delight more than he in telling the radicals of their meanness. Keep your eye on Crawford this year. He is in good fighting trim and there is going to be "something doing." Mark the prediction.

For more than twenty-five years Mr. Crawford has been active in politics, having served as representative from his county in the State legislature, as presidential elector twice and elected to congress four times. In 1900 he made more speeches, in the tenth district, for the amendment than any other man, and his unselfish work for the cause of White Supremacy accomplished great good, while costing him his election to congress in November following. But the appreciative democrats of the district did not forget the laudible effort put forth by Mr. Crawford in that memorial campaign and again called him to the leadership of the party in the tenth district two years ago, the result of which was an increased majority for the democratic ticket and

the return of harmony to the ranks of the organization. He is a tower of strength and a distinct credit to the democracy of this district and the State.

Mr. Crawford has long been a favorite of the mountain democracy and has the happy faculty of remembering names. He knows, personally, nearly every democrat in the district and is never too busy to extend the "glad hand." The people know he is honest and then they take no chances of selecting an undesirable official in supporting him. His majority this year should be materially increased and we firmly believe it will. Why not make it 1,500? We can do it. With Bryan for president and Crawford for congress, the democracy of the district ought to sweep everything before it. It must be it.

The State Board of Elections met in Raleigh on Thursday of last week for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the prohibition election held May 26. The total vote for the bill was 11s, 612; against it 69, 416; majority for prohibition, 44, 196. Of the 200,000 registered voters 183,028 went to the polls and put themselves on record for, or against this proposition. The turn-out was much larger than either side expected it would be, which shows very clearly that the people of North Carolina, at least, are tired of being continually harrassed with the vexatious liquor question. It is time for a rest now and agitators should be directed to a back seat. Let us have peace. We have had "booze" long enough.

Looks like pretty nearly every leading democrat in this section of the State boarded the "Craig special" at Asheville Tuesday morning for Charlotte. The loyalty of Mr. Craig's friends is, indeed, an inspiration. No man ever had a more solid delegation behind him, from Western Carolina, than has Locke Craig this year in his contest for Governor, and if he fails of the nomination it will certainly not be the fault of the tenth congressional district. Of the eighty-eight votes to which the district is entitled, Craig gets eighty-seven and a fraction. This condition beats all previous records here.

President Roosevelt dominated the National Republican Convention in Chicago last week completely. Orders from the White House were carried out the letter. The masses of the republican party in this country had very little more to do with the nomination of Secretary Taft for president than did the man in the moon. Roosevelt wielded the Big Stick and the Federal office-holders did the rest. Will the people take the dose before them? May the good Lord pity them if they do.

Under the circumstances, there ought not to be any opposition to ratifying the pavement-bond proposition by the voters of Hendersonville on July 11th. The completion of this work, so well under way, spells big things for our progressive little city. Take no step backwards by voting against the bonds, or remaining away from the polls and being "counted against them." No greater improvement was ever started in this town.

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Taft and Sherman will meet their Waterloo in November. William Jennings Bryan is going to be the next president of these United States, unless all signs fail. It is written in the stars. Mark it.

The fellow who has no better argument for the support of his favorite candidate than abuse of those who may oppose him is not entitled to serious consideration among people desiring peace and harmony in party councils, instead of strife, bitterness, and injury to the organization in the end. Personal prejudices ought to be put aside when we come to make a choice between aspirants for public office.

The Democratic State Convention is now in session at Charlotte. At this writing no nominations have been made. Looks now that Mr. Kitchin has the best chance of winning the gubernatorial nomination, but it is a convention fight, after all, and "the poll will knock the persimmon" in Charlotte today. Our people are hoping to see Mr. Craig carry off the prize, and he has a very strong following in the convention. The "wool pulling" is going on right this minute.

There is no joking about it the pavement work must be completed and to insure this the people will have to put their heads together and carry the election for bonds. July 11th, will tell the tale.

Buncombe gets the banner offered by the temperance ladies of the State for the largest majority "against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors" on May 26th, and Yancy carried off the one given for the largest percentage of the vote cast. We congratulate these two beautiful sisters and do not envy them the least bit considering things generally, Henderson made a fine showing herself.

## Resolutions of Sympathy.

Kedron Lodge 387 A. F. & A. M. of Hendersonville desires to place on record an expression of their sincere sympathy for Brother Robert L. Fletcher in the death of his reverend father John Harvey Fletcher.

John Harvey Fletcher was 68 years old at the time of his death; was a consistent member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church; was an honorable and useful member of Clear Creek community in which he lived; was a faithful and devoted husband and father. He was a member of Capt. Shipp's Company in the Civil War in which he proved himself to be a brave soldier and gallant comrade. He is mourned by a brother Joel, a sister Mrs. Louise Maxwell, and three children, Joel, Robert, and Mrs. L. F. Dermid; as well

as by a host of friends and neighbors.

May the Almighty Father grant comfort and consolation to our afflicted brother Robert L. Fletcher and the other members of John Harvey Fletcher's bereaved family.

For Kedron Lodge No. 387. A. F. & A. M.

R. N. WILLCOX  
R. B. GRINNAN  
J. J. JUSTICE

## BOY GOES TO PEN.

In the Federal Court yesterday afternoon just prior to adjournment for the day J. E. Shoffner, who had been convicted of the larceny of seven money orders from the Southern Express Company, was called up for sentence. Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse, his attorney, made a strong plea for his client, asking the court for leniency in view of certain facts which he cited. Mr. Shannonhouse stated that Shoffner's mother is a widow and very sorely in need of the support of her boy and that on the very day Shoffner was arrested he received a telegram announcing the death of his brother.

After hearing the strong appeal of Mr. Shannonhouse, Judge Boyd stated that the crime for which the defendant stood convicted was most serious; that he has not only used the mails to defraud in one specific instance, but, in addition thereto he had collected on one of the Southern Express Company's orders \$35 at Burlington and on two other orders had endeavored to secure two diamond rings, his failure being only due to the diligence of the postal authorities and representatives of the Southern Express Company. The court further declared that in his estimation the imposition of a fine would be no punishment upon the defendant, because of the fact that his relatives would have to pay, and for that reason he sentenced him to serve a year and a day in the Federal prison at Atlanta.

Shoffner was turned over to United States Marshal Harkrader and was taken to Atlanta last night.

The seven money orders were stolen by Shoffner on the night of May 6th from the Southern Express Company at Welford, S. C. and on the 21st of May Post-office Inspectors Harshberger and Higgins had the prisoner in custody and bound over to court, while his accomplice, Chris Pickenpack, was arrested at Wellford and bound over to the October term of court at Greenville, S. C. Of the seven money orders stolen the postal inspectors secured six and these were used in the trial here this week—Charlotte Observer.

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